



Governor Pete Ricketts

Growing Nebraska for the Next Generation

September 21, 2020

The Honorable Andrew Wheeler
Administrator, EPA
1200 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Mail Code: 1101A
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Administrator Wheeler:

On behalf of Nebraska farmers and ranchers, I write today requesting a clear and decisive decision from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the new registrations for dicamba products Xtendimax, Engenia, and FeXapan.

Agriculture is Nebraska's number one industry and contributes \$21 billion to our state's economy. One in four Nebraska jobs is tied to agriculture and our farmers and ranchers utilize 92 percent of Nebraska's total land area for agriculture production and use.

While weather and other factors often cause unpredictable circumstances for producers, Nebraska farmers and ranchers work hard to control what they can control and that includes making decisions about planting and selecting seed varieties for next year's crop. These decisions are at the forefront of every producer's mind and play a large role in the success of Nebraska's farm and ranch families. The ability to utilize the most up-to-date information from the EPA is a key contributor to that success.

I understand the difficulty that exists in this situation but urge the EPA to provide clarity through a prompt and conclusive decision on registration of the dicamba products Xtendimax, Engenia, and FeXapan. Doing so will allow Nebraska farmers and producers to make key decisions for next year's growing season and for years to come.

Sincerely,

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Pete Ricketts
Governor of Nebraska

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Steve Wellman
Director of the Nebraska Department of Agriculture